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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in he First and Second VOLUME, with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Monday February 19th. to Wednesday February 21ſt. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

THE frequent Experience you gave us of your great Abilities in reconciling the ſeemingly different Paſſages that occur in Holy Scripture, encourages me to propoſe to you the following Difficulty. St. Matthew *citing the Words of the Prophet* Micah *concerning* Bethlehem *ſays,* Thou Bethlehem in the Land of Judah art not the leaſt among the Princes of Judah: *whereas the Words of* Micah *are,* Thou Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the Thouſands of Judah *&c.*

A. All Speeches, that contradict one another, muſt of Neceſſity be applied to one and the ſame Subject and muſt the one affirm, the other deny the ſelf ſame Thing: Which is not the Caſe here. For theſe two Divine Writers ſpeak differently of the ſame Place, becauſe the one regards the Quantity, the other the Dignity of it. *Micah* calls it *little*, in reſpect of Circuit, and *Matthew* calls it *not little* in regard of Honour and Eſtimation, as being the Birth Place of *Chriſt*. We may farther obſerve, that the Deſign of *Matthew* in citing this Paſſage, was to give one Proof to the *Jews* (for whoſe ſake principally his Goſpel was written, and for that Reaſon written in *Hebrew*, as we have formerly proved) of *Jeſus* being the promiſed *Meſſias*, by ſhewing, that he was Born at *Bethlehem*, which was the Place that the Prophets had aſſigned to him for his Birth. This being the chief deſign of the Citation, it is not material that St. *Matthew* has not produced the expreſs Words of the Prophet, but only that which is moſt remarkable for his Purpoſe in them, giving to the reſt a different Turn of his own.

Q. *Why is a Child not begotten in Wedlock, called a Natural Child, (as if thoſe Begotten) or Born Legitimate were unnatural. And when as in the Story of the Anabaptiſt of* Munſter, *one is ſaid to have killed his natural Brother. Query, Whether he was a Legitimate Brother or not.*

A. Baſtards are called natural Children, becauſe they are begotten of their Parents living, as it were, in a State of Nature, and not obſerving the Laws of the Civil State. For we muſt obſerve, that in a State of Nature, Conſent and Cohabitation make a Marriage; the other Formalities are enjoined by the Civil State for the more regular Solemnizing of it, and are ſo far made a neceſſary Part of it, that a Child that is begotten without them is debarred from many conſiderable Previledges of Civil Society, and therefore called a natural Child. Thoſe one the contrary that are Born in a regular Marriage may be called in Oppoſition to the former (not unnatural, but) civil Children, as having a Title to all the Previledges of the Civil State. The other Queſtion is too obvious to be taken Notice of.

Q. Gentlemen, *I being a young Woman that has lately entred the holy State of Matrimony, and againſt my Parents conſent, cannot now but acknowledg that it was a raſh Action, and was it to be done again might not commit the ſame Error. But it is a Man whom I love entirely; and ſince he finds that my Portion is not ſo large as he expects, ſlights me as if I was not worthy of his Company, much more of thoſe Connubial Charms that attend a Married State, which has occaſion'd no ſmall Sorrow and Grief in me, to think that I ſhould place my happineſs where none is to be found. For in a little time after he caſt me quite off; I cannot but draw an Inference from it and upon the ſame doth ask your Advice.*

I am as it were gone on Board a Veſſel and launched out into the Ocean, where when the Captain comes to examine his Bill of Lading, he finds that ſhe is not ſo rich as he thought; returns from on Board

privately to Land, and leaves me alone in the Tempeſt to be toſſed by the Mercileſs Ocean-Surges; and not only ſo but coſts down the Main Yard and leaves me rowling among the Billows of Anxiety and Deſpair. And as I lay in that diſmal Condition I muſt have Languiſhed had not ſome kind Hand Intervened to my relief, ſaved me from ſinking and brought me ſafe Home again.

I deſire to know whether I may ſubmit to any Requeſt this Gentleman may ask. Whether ſince my Husband and Captain has left me, I may not as well be my deliverer as I was once my Captain's. Your ſpeedy Anſwer to this will very much conduce to the Tranquility of your diſtreſſed Admirer, for I am unwilling to grant any thing till I hear from you.

Your Servant, J. K.

A. We preſume the Gentleman your deliverers deſign is to purſue the Obligation of Gratitude you lay under to him ſo far, as to make you a Sacrifice to his Luſt. You Demand therefore of us whether you may ſubmit to his Requeſt. Forbear, forbear, Madam, to appear before *Apollo's* Shrine with a Queſtion ſo little ſuiting the Modeſty of your Sex! Learn Wiſdom by the effects of your Folly, and reſtrain that forwardneſs that wou'd puſh you ſtill on new Adventures to heighten your Miſery, firſt make you a forlorn Wife, and in a little Time an abandoned Proſtitute. For why ſhou'd you expect better uſage from a Gallant than a Husband? Perhaps the Fame of your Fidelity and Patience may reſtore you to the Favour of your Friends, ſoften the hard Heart of your Husband, and make you yet a happy Bride. But to give up your Vertue upon the firſt Solicitation is the infallible way to render you deſerted by God and the whole World.

Q. Gentlemen, *About 3 Months ago, after hard drinking, and once before, when taking a Purge, I voided by Stool, a ſmall quantity of Blood; ſince which have been troubled with an intermitting Feavour, which is now very well over, by taking the Cortex: But for 3 or 4 Days I have again voided Blood as before, I find a rumbling in my Stomach and Belly, when the Wind and Blood come away together after the Stool. I deſire to know the cauſe, the danger, and whether I may ſit and encourage my Inclination, for I can void more if I ſit. I hope you will be pleas'd to favour me with a ſpeedy Anſwer, which will very much Oblige*

Your Humble Servant, S. H.

I am troubled with a violent Pain in my Head, and often in my Stomach.

A. We have conſider'd your Caſe, and adviſe you by all means ſpeedily to conſult ſome able Phyſitian. We having often declar'd, that it wou'd not become us to intrench on the affairs of others, by which they gain their Livelyhood.

Q. Gentlemen, *I was at a Friend's Houſe at Dinner, when by chance this fooliſh Queſtion was ſtarted. Whether a Swine or Hog that is kill'd and ſing'd, may be properly call'd Pork, and whether it is Bacon before it is roved or dry'd?* Gentlemen, *if you pleaſe to return your Anſwer (on which a Wager of three Bottles of Wine depends, which are to be drink'd to the good Succeſs of this your Undertaking) You'll Oblige*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. The Hog is properly Pork before dry'd; altho' ſing'd, becauſe it may be dreſs'd and eaten as ſuch, and becomes not Bacon till dry'd. The Reaſon of its changing its name then, we formerly gave in another Paper.

Q. Gentlemen *of the* Apollo, *deſcribe what a Fat Woman is good for; and whether or no, a Man had beſt marry a Fat Woman, or a Lean one, becauſe I have the refuſal of both. I am not very Fat nor very Lean, ſo my Inclination is inclinable to the Lean one, but the Fat one has moſt Money, but ſhe is ſo very Fat, that I am afraid in the Summer, I ſhan't be able to lie in the Bed with her; ſo I deſire Your advice in the matter, from*

Your Faithful Friend and Admirer

P. S.

A. Since your *Inclinable Inclination*, prefers a Lean Woman, by all means, take what you like; but we muſt tell you, the Fat one will wear beſt; and whereas you apprehend uneaſineſs from her in Hot Weather, you talk not Like a Man of Mode, for if you did, you would conceive by that Time you are likely to part Beds: Beſides perhaps you may find more uneaſineſs from the ſharp Bones of the Lean one, than from the warmth of the Fat one.

POEMS.

Divine APOLLO.

AMong the Poets which have flouriſh'd here,
And made this Iſland your peculiar Care,
DRYDEN, *the Elder Brother of your Name,*
Poſſeſs'd, you'll own, the largeſt ſhare of Fame.
His various Muſe to ſuch a paſs was grown,
It made each Realm of Poetry his own.
But ſince it is (as one of HOMER *ſays)*
A Crime almoſt in me to dare to praiſe,
What muſt it come to, if I once find Fault?
When you, Great God, yet only could be thought
To dictate what by ſuch a Man was wrote.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

The clear Deſcription which He gives of Night
I've read till it came on, with new Delight;
Yet there I find a Scruple in my way,
(Too Scrupulous I am perhaps you'll ſay.)

The Deſcription of Night out of the *Indian* Emperor.

All things are huſh'd, as Nature's ſelf lay dead;
The Mountains ſeem to nod their drowſy Head:
The little Birds in Dreams their Songs repeat,
And drooping Flow'rs beneath the Night Dew [ſweat:
Ev'n Luſt and Envy ſleep———————

Q. *Where*

Q. *Where* all Things *hush'd, as* Nature's *ſelf lay* [Dead,
How (God of Numbers) can it well be ſaid,
The little Birds ſhould utter any Sound,
That might diſturb a Silence ſo profound.

A. 'Tis true the *Bard* was Great, Divinely Great,
Nor many cou'd his *Numbers* juſtly rate,
But that which moſt our Admiration moves,
Is where the *Thoughts* of others he improves;
But tho' to *God-like Flights*, his *Copies* ran,
His own *Inventions* ſhew him but a *Man*;
For they how taſt *Sublime*, grant, in his *beſt*,
Humanity in *Error*, is confeſt.
Perhaps your equal Criticiſm here,
May make a ſmall Urburniſh'd Ray appear:
To ſhew our Inclination is more juſt,
Than hereby to *Unconſecrate* his *Duſt*;
Perhaps we may expunge the *Blot*, and place
The Error in ſuch Light, to ſhew a *Grace*.

[illegible] often in Nocturnal Viſions ſee
[illegible]hings, as never were, or e'er will be;
Hol[illegible]ontroverſies, fiercely to Diſpute,
Yet al[illegible]e while we think we talk, are mute;
And thus thoſe winged Choriſters may Dream
Of Song[illegible]erform'd and Groves, which real ſeem,
Thus their [illegible]agin'd Lays, on every Buſh,
Ca[illegible]ne'er Diſturb the *Univerſal Huſh*.
But now our Author was Inform'd of this,
Without the Limits of your Queſtion is.
And Time's too precious, for the *God* to ſhow
To Mortals more, than they deſire to know.

Q. *Ha! ha!* Sir APOLLO,
Why this is the Devil,
I thought to your own Tribe,
You had been more civil,
Then to let your own Son,
For the Wars to be preſt,
And ſo, la, mi, fa,
Come to Bloody conteſt;
To bounce of a Gun,
(Why this is a Riddle)
With ſuch Gentle Hand,
As touch'd the ſoft Fiddle;
His Voice us'd to Songs
To turn rough and grum,
And ſing in lew'd Conſort,
To dub of a Drum,
Shou'd the butt of a Gun
Lay him over the Face,
I doubt He will ſhake
With indifferent Grace;
But a Fall, a Propos,
May chance to come in,
Tho' it brings to a Cloſe,
E'er He does well begin.
Yet keeping of Time
Will ſtand in ſmall ſtead,
Since 'twill fright the Crotchets,
All out of His Head.
If a Bullet ſlap daſh
Hit him full on the Paunch,
I fear he will ſing
Like a Man in a Trance,
Alas! what Diviſion
He is like to utter,
When he has but juſt Breath,
A few Quivers *to mutter*;
If the Horſe of the French,
(As in Story is found,)
Were brought up to Dance
To a Muſical ſound;
A Song *then might ſet them,*
To Cap'ring and Prancing,
And throw off their Riders,
In the Height of their Dancing;
But what elſe his Gammut'
I' th' Field can produce,
I fear to his Country
Can be of ſmall uſe.

A. As our Sons have their Freaks
And their wandring deſires,
And ne'er the leſs thereby,
Partake of our Fires;
So He might (diſguiſed)
Like others appear,
And our Gifts through ſuch Umbrage,
Not ſhine out ſo clear;
But when it was known,
He belong'd to our Court:
His further Delention,
Was eaſy and ſhort;
For a Favourite Son
We diſpatch'd to retrieve,
His Sentence and Suddain
Enlargement to give.

SIR,

THE Letters from Conſtantinople, Adviſe that the Turks contiinue their Preparations of War, and the Troops in Aſia are all in motion for Europe; That the Grand Vizier being without any Experience in Millitary Affairs, has declin'd the Command of the Turkiſh Army, and recommended to that dangerous Poſt,
Oſman

Oſman Ogiou Paſcia of Damaſcus, who is eſteemed the beſt General among the Turks; That they uſe all poſſible Appication to get the Fleet in a readineſs, and the five Galleys which uſed to Winter in that Port are to ſail to Morrow for Conſtantinople; That ſince the Declaration of War, Trade begins ſomewhat to revive, and Money to circulate whereas all the Care of the preceeding Miniſters was to hoard it up in the Treaſury of the Grand Signior, which falſe maxim has almoſt ruin'd his Subjects; That ſeveral Ships from Venice and the Netherlands are lately arrived in theſe Parts to buy Corn, the Price of which is very much advanced upon that Account; and that the Turks have reſolved to declare War againſt Poland, as well as againſt Mu covy.

Harwich, February 17. Yeſterday came in the Fly Brigantine, with the Catherine and Peregrine Yachts to join the St. Albans, Rumney and another Man of War in Owſley Bay, that are to Convoy his Grace the Duke of Marlborough to Holland. The George Galley is ſailed hence for the Downs and the Prince Packet Boat with the Mail to Holland.

London, February 21ſt. On Sunday his Grace the Duke of Marlborough ſet out to imbark for Holland.

Which is all from Yours, *&c.*

Juſt Publiſhed.

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At a Certain Charge.

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N. B. On Monday the 19th Inſtant, the firſt Weeks Contribution was paid to 5 Claimants, when two Perſons 17s. 6d. by them paid, receiv'd 26l. 16s. 6d. each.

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At a Certain Charge.

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